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b) said housing including a front portion, said top and bottom walls at said front portion remaining substantially parallel while extending upwardly with respect to the water level; and

c[b]) said housing being configured such that a user in the prone face-down position can paddle alternately with his hands toward a direction.

14/15. (Amended) A water craft, comprising:

a) an inflatable elongate housing including top and bottom walls;

b) said top wall including a non-skid flat surface configured to support a user in a prone face-down position; [and]

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c) said housing including a front portion, said top and bottom walls at said front portion remaining substantially parallel while extending upwardly with respect to the water level; and

d[c]) said housing being configured such that the user lying in the prone face-down position on said flat surface can paddle alternately with both hands toward a direction.

2/28. (Amended) A water craft, comprising:

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a) an inflatable housing including top and bottom walls having opposing inner surfaces;

b) said housing including a front portion, said top and bottom walls at said front portion remaining substantially parallel while extending upwardly with respect to the water level;

c[b]) said top wall including a flat surface configured to support a user; and

d[c]) a plurality of connectors secured to said inner surfaces, said connectors being configured to maintain said top and bottom walls substantially flat when said housing is inflated.

Please add the following claim.

27/29. A water craft, comprising:

- a) an inflatable elongate housing including substantially parallel top and bottom walls, said top wall including a flat surface configured to support a user lying in a prone face-down position;
- b) said housing being configured such that a user in the prone face-down position can paddle alternately with his hands toward a direction;
- c) said housing being in a rolled-up position prior to deployment;
- d) a strap disposed around said housing in said rolled-up position; and
- e) said strap including water soluble fastener.

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to express his appreciation for the courtesy of an interview conducted with Examiner Swinehart on October 14, 1999.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 15, 18 and 23. Claims 13 and 16 have been cancelled. New claim 28 has been added.

It was agreed during the interview that claims 1, 15 and 23 as amended would be distinguishable over the art to record.